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Response to Written Opinion Amendment under Article 34 of the PCT

Dear Sirs:

This is in response to the aforesaid written opinion on the aforesaid application.

In the claims:

Please replace claims 1 to 4 with the amended claims 1 to 10 on replacement pages 13 to 16 submitted herewith.

In the Disclosure:

Please replace disclosures pages 1 to 13 with amended disclosure pages 1 to 12 submitted herewith.

In the Figures:

Please replace the Figures presently on file with the renumbered Figures 1 to 9 submitted herewith.

In the Abstract:

Please replace the Abstract on file with the Abstract submitted herewith.

Remarks'

In the written opinion, six references were cited and it was asserted by the Examiner that the claims lack inventive step in light of these references. Applicant respectfully traverses the Examiner's rejection and provides the following comments: